PhD student representative election rules

- All PhD students registered in the doctoral program at the time the election is triggered are eligible to vote.

- PhD students can vote for multiple candidates (also have the right to vote for themselves). White votes (empty ballots) are counted in the participation rate. Write-in candidates are not allowed.

- The votation period normally lasts 2 weeks. If less than 50% of the eligible voters cast their votes by the end of votation period, the latter is extended to 3 weeks and a reminder is sent to voters.

- Candidates who receive more than 50% of the votes casts by the end of the votation period are elected to the role of PhD student representative.

- Elections of PhD student representatives in any doctoral program must take place:
  a) at the latest 2 years after the previous election;
  b) in case of vacancy.

- The mandate of any PhD student representative lasts until the earliest of:
  a) the date of his/her private defense;
  b) the date of his/her resignation if at least one representative remains;
  c) the date at which results of the subsequent election have been approved by the Doctoral School.

- After the election, the elected PhD student representatives must nominate an official spokesperson for the Doctoral School among themselves (who is *primus/prima inter pares*). If the
spokesperson withdraws from his/her role, a new spokesperson is nominated by the remaining PhD student representatives, if any.

- At least one representative is similarly appointed to the doctoral program committee; this person need not be the Doctoral School spokesperson.